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SUBJECT: AIRPORT SECURITY IN THE AFTERMATH OF CRASH OF MAS FLIGHT 653

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1. DCM AND ECON COUNSELOR CALLED ON NEWLY APPOINTED DIRECTOR FOR CIVIL AVIATION HAMZAH ABDUL MAJID TO DISCUSS ISSUES RAISED IN REFTEL. DCM INFORMED MAJID THAT FAA OFFER OF ASSISTANCE HAD BEEN MADE BY ROBERT GROTH TO VIC DAVEY BY TELEPHONE AND SAID HE WANTED TO BE SURE THAT MAJID WAS AWARE OF THE OFFER AND THAT IT WOULD BE GIVEN SERIOUS CONSIDERATION. MAJID SAID HE WAS NOT AWARE OF THE OFFER, BUT APPRECIATED IT, AND WOULD LOOK INTO IT IMMEDIATELY. MAJID SAID THAT A TEAM FROM IATA WILL BE ARRIVING IN MALAYSIA NEXT WEEK AND WILL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON SECURITY. HE EXPRESSED SOME RESERVATION, HOWEVER, BECAUSE THE GROUP WILL BE REPRESENTING OPERATORS AND HE FEARED THIS WOULD LIMIT THE SCOPE OF THEIR INVESTIGATION.

2. DCM THEN MENTIONED THE HAGUE AND MONTREAL CONVENTIONS AND SAID HE HOPED THAT MALAYSIA WOULD BECOME A PARTY TO BOTH WITHOUT MUCH MORE DELAY. MAJID SAID HE WOULD LOOK INTO THIS ALSO. WE PLAN TO PURSUE THIS FURTHER AT AN
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3. REGARDING THE RECENT MAS CRASH, MAJID SAID IN CONFIDENCE THE EVIDENCE WAS STILL BEING EVALUATED BUT PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT IS THAT THE VOICE RECORDER INDICATED THAT THE HI-JACKER WAS DERANGED, THAT HE HAD SHOT BOTH THE PILOT AND CO-PILOT WITHIN 4 SECONDS AS THE PLANE WAS APPROACHING SINGAPORE

AND THAT THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF AN EXPLOSION IN THE AIR
EITHER FROM THE VOICE RECORDER OR FROM TESTS CONDUCTED BY
CHEMISTS. MAJID SAID THAT THE GOM HAD ALREADY TAKEN MEASURES
TO IMPROVE AIRPORT SECURITY IN MALAYSIA BUT DID NOT SPECIFY
FURTHER.

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